



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 832

January Session, 2013



AN ACT CONCERNING FAMILY ASSESSMENT CASES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (g) of section 17a-101g of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2013*):

4 (g) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) to (f),
5 inclusive, of this section, the commissioner may establish a program of
6 [differential] family assessment response to reports of child abuse and
7 neglect whereby the report may be referred to appropriate community
8 providers for family assessment and services without an investigation
9 or at any time during an investigation, provided there has been an
10 initial safety assessment of the circumstances of a family and child and
11 criminal background checks have been performed on all adults
12 involved in the report.

13 (2) The commissioner may adopt regulations in accordance with the
14 provisions of chapter 54 to establish a method for the department to
15 monitor the progress of the child and family referred to a community
16 provider pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection and to set
17 standards for reopening an investigation pursuant to this section.

18 (3) Consistent with the provisions of section 17a-28, the department
19 shall disclose all relevant information in its possession concerning the

20 child and family, including prior child protection activity, to each
 21 provider to whom a report has been referred for use by the provider in
 22 the assessment, diagnosis and treatment of unique needs of the family
 23 and the prevention of future reports. Each provider who has received a
 24 report of child abuse or neglect referred pursuant to this subsection
 25 shall disclose to the department, consistent with the provisions of
 26 section 17a-28, all relevant information gathered during assessment,
 27 diagnosis and treatment of the child and family. The department may
 28 use such information solely to monitor and ensure the continued safety
 29 and well-being of the child or children.

30 Sec. 2. Subsection (h) of section 17a-101k of the general statutes is
 31 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
 32 *October 1, 2013*):

33 (h) Records containing unsubstantiated findings and records
 34 relating to family assessment cases shall remain sealed, except that
 35 such records shall be made available to department employees in the
 36 proper discharge of their duties and shall be expunged by the
 37 commissioner five years from the completion date of the investigation
 38 or the closure of the family assessment case if no further report is made
 39 about the individual subject to the investigation or the family subject to
 40 the assessment, except that if the department receives more than one
 41 report on an individual subject to investigation or a family subject to
 42 assessment and each report is unsubstantiated, all reports and
 43 information pertaining to the individual or family shall be expunged
 44 by the commissioner five years from the completion date of the most
 45 recent investigation.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	17a-101g(g)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	17a-101k(h)

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